



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
BRAVO BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 19TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY TRAINING CENTER
FORT SILL, OK 73503-9015

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATSF-KF-B

8 December 2014

MEMORANDUM FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF BRAVO BATTERY/ 1-19TH FA

SUBJECT: Graduation Letter

1. The Soldiers of Bravo Battery are proving their toughness every day. They are motivated, fit, knowledgeable, and ready to graduate! Before they do, however, there are still a couple more weeks of rigorous necessary training.

This is the time of the cycle when families are anxious to make their travel plans to see their Soldier graduate. This letter will provide you with useful information in order to make your travel plans. You may want to consider not making travel purchases until you have heard from your Soldier that they will graduate. I will ensure your Soldier contacts you on the day they are eligible to graduate. When you make your travel plans, please keep in mind travel time to the airports; approximately 1.5 hours to Oklahoma City and 20 minutes to Lawton Regional Airport.

While you are here, we ask that you help preserve historical Fort Sill. Please wear appropriate attire. There is no dress code, but vulgar or distasteful slogans or exposures are not acceptable for these family events. All civilians and military personnel entering Fort Sill must present a valid driver's license or Military ID at the gate. All personally owned vehicles are subject to search by Fort Sill Police. Personally owned firearms are not allowed on Fort Sill or at the graduation facility. Large bag's, parcels, backpacks will not be permitted at these events. Use of cellular phones while driving on Fort Sill is strictly prohibited. Please cooperate with these measures.

2. The Family Day Ceremony will begin at 11:00 on 15 January, 2015 at 5970 South Boundary Road, Fort Sill OK, 73503. This will occur at our Battery location. Family Day highlights your Soldier's achievements over the basic combat training cycle through a series of demonstrations on weapons, tactics, drill and ceremony, and physical fitness. Then, I will provide essential information on the pass policies for Family Day and Graduation. At the conclusion of this ceremony, your Soldier may be released on pass.

The Graduation Ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm (1300) on 16 January, 2015 at 135 NW 2nd Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, 73501, Hilton Garden Inn. During the ceremony, please feel free to take pictures of your Soldier as they graduate. The graduating class will be seated together and will not have an opportunity to socialize during this time.

3. Here are the timelines for Family Day and Graduation:

Family Day: 15 January, 2015

10:30a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Arrival for Family Day Activities
11:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.	Family Day Ceremony
12:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Pass Privileges
8:00 p.m.	Accountability Formation (Please do not be late)

Graduation: 16 January, 2015

12:40 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Doors Open and Seating
1:00 p.m.- 2:00 pm.	Graduation Ceremony
2:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Pass Privileges
8:00 p.m.	Accountability Formation (Please do not be late)

4. I hope you enjoy your visit to the Lawton/Fort Sill Area. Lawton/Fort Sill offers a vast array of attractions. As you may know, Fort Sill is located in southwest Oklahoma and is surrounded by the Wichita Mountains. If you take a drive through the Wichita Mountains, you can visit several tourist sites, such as the Holy City and the Wildlife Refuge Center. In Lawton, you can enjoy the Great Plains Museum and enjoy some entertainment. On Fort Sill, you can tour Geronimo's Guard House and Gravesite, the Old Post Quadrangle Museum, and the U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum. You can find additional information about local hotels and restaurants in the Lawton/Fort Sill area at the Chamber of Commerce website:

a. <http://www.lawtonfortsillchamber.com>

b. Additional information can be found at <http://sill-www.army.mil/INDEX/maps/> and <http://sill-www.army.mil/>.

c. You can contact me via telephone at any time at the following number (580) 442-1414 or the following email address Anthony.j.varela2.mil@mail.mil.

5. On behalf of the Battery's Cadre and Drill Sergeants, we look forward to meeting you and hope you enjoy your Soldier's graduation. Crush Your Enemies!


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